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SUBJECT: REACTION TO KISSINGER PROTEST NOTE

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1. CYPRIOT GREEK PRESS JANUARY 22 HAS UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED KISSINGER NOTE TO CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT PROPOSING TO WITHDRAW AMERICAN EMBASSY IN EVENT AMERICAN DIPLOMAT INJURED IN CURRENT DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. PRO-CLERIDES AGON POINTED OUT THAT KISSINGER HAS ALREADY CAUSED VAST SUFFERING WITH HIS INVOLVEMENT AND FURTHER INVOLVEMENT WOULD ONLY RESULT IN FURTHER SUFFERING. HIS CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF HIS DIPLOMATS HYPOCRITICAL IN VIEW
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NUMEROUS VICTIMS OF AMERICAN POLICY AND CIA ACTIVITIES. PAPER

BLAMED KISSINGER AS ROOT OF ALL ANTI-AMERICANISM ON ISLAND. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS VIEWED NOTE WITH SARCASM AND CONCLUDED THAT BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO CYPRUS WAS FOR KISSINGER TO STOP MEDDLING IN ITS AFFAIRS. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI IRONICALLY NOTED THAT CYPRUS WAS ABOUT TO "LOSE ITS SAVIOR". OBSERVED THAT "IMPERIALISTS" WERE TRYING TO SLIP AWAY TO WASH BLOOD OFF THEIR HANDS. PAPER CLAIMED THAT NATO EFFORTS TO CONVERT ISLAND INTO "UNSINKABLE AIRCRAFT-CARRIER" WOULD CONTINUE APACE, AND BEHIND THIS WAS INTENT TO USE CYPRUS AS AIR SUPPORT AREA IN STRIKES AGAINST ARAB WORLD AND ARAB OIL INSTALLATIONS. GREEK NATIONALIST MAKHI SARACASTICALLY INQUIRED IF EMBASSY ONCE WITHDRAWN WOULD BE MOVED TO THE NORTHERN, TURK OCCUPIED SECTOR AND POINTED OUT THAT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT TO DATE HAD ONLY SERVED TO KILL GREEK CYPRIOTS WHILE HELPING TURKS. GREEK NATIONALIST ETHNIKI TERMED KISSINGER NOTE "AUDACIOUS", WELCOMED PROSPECTS OF END TO KISSINGER'S INVOLVEMENT IN ISLAND'S AFFAIRS AND CLAIMED THAT IMPLIED THREAT WAS SIMPLY PRETEXT TO MOVE EMBASSY TO TURKISH NORTH. PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA CONTAINED NO SPECIFIC EDITORIAL ON KISSINGER NOTE BUT IN APPARENT NEWS ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT USG IN COOPERATION WITH TURKS WAS CONSTRUCTING AIRBASES IN NORTH AT KARAKOUMI AND YIALOUSSA TO SUPPORT AIR STRIKES ON ARAB OIL FIELDS.

3. FYI: EMBASSY HAS ISSUED TWO-LINE DENIAL THAT THERE IS ANY BASIS TO ABOVE ALLEGATIONS. PRESS REACTION TODAY, WHICH INCLUDES NUMEROUS EDITORIALS WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE HOSTILE THAN YESTERDAY'S. CRAWFORD

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